

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES
LOK SABHA**

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Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the uniform draft policy to remove bottleneck in generating energy from non- conventional energy sources is prepared by the Union Government;
- (b) if so, the details in this regard;
- (c) whether the State Governments are also consulted in this regard;
- (d) if so, the details and the manner in which it is useful for the country; and
- (e) the time by when the policy is likely to come into force?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (INDEPENDENT CHARGE), (SHRI M. KANNAPPAN)

(a)& (b): The Government envisions a major role for non-conventional energy sources in the energy sector in the coming decades. For this, the Ministry of Non-Conventional Energy Sources has formulated a Draft Renewable Energy Policy Statement. The main objective of the Policy Statement is to accelerate the generation of energy from non-conventional energy sources such as solar, wind, biomass and small hydro.

(c): Yes, Sir.

(d): The contribution of non-conventional energy sources is proposed to be enhanced for meeting minimum rural energy needs; providing decentralised/ off-grid supply for agriculture, industry, commercial and household sectors in rural and urban areas; and, grid quality power generation and supply. The draft Statement envisages a target of generating 10,000 MW of power from renewable energy sources or upto 10% of new power capacity addition projected for the period upto 2012.

(e): The draft of the Policy Statement has been submitted for further approval.